

The Iowa Council on Homelessness

DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, November 21, 2014

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: The Iowa Finance Authority

Room: Lower Level Presentation Room

Address: 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

(Any requests for corrections to the minutes should be submitted to josh.mcroberts@iowa.gov)

I ICN ETIQUETTE REVIEW

Chair Phillips reminded participants to ask to be recognized and to state their name.

II INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Chair Phillips. There are currently 38 members on the Iowa Council on Homelessness and the following voting members were present: Axeen, Beilke-McCallum, Brand, Brown, Brustkern, Dunnwald, Erickson, Fisher, Ford, Hagen, Hearn, Hyatt (alt. for Armstrong), Johnson, Jordal, Kellogg, Lauterbach, Mather, Munsterman-Robinson, Peterson, Phillips, Rawhouser, Schwalm, Timm, and Wilson. A quorum was established.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)

On motion by Mr. Timm and seconded by Mr. Axeen, the agenda for the November 21, 2014 meeting was unanimously approved.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Mr. Lauterbach, the September 19 and October 10, 2014, Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

IV COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

Executive Committee (Donna Phillips): Ms. Phillips mentioned that the next Executive Committee meeting would be held on Friday, December 19, 2014, at 10:00 AM.

Nominating Committee (Ben Brustkern): Mr. Brustkern discussed with the Council a standard form to help guide ICH member presentations during Council meetings. He stated that work was going to continue on this and would be talked about more in January. Mr. Brustkern went on to discuss the ongoing concern about achieving a quorum at ICH meetings, as well as committee meetings. Lastly, Mr. Brustkern welcomed the new representative from Iowa Workforce Development, Scott Mather, to the ICH.

Continuum of Care Committee (Zeb Beilke-McCallum): Mr. Beilke-McCallum briefed the ICH concerns identified surrounding the timing of Continuum of Care application activities. He

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noted that the Executive Committee had set January 2015 as when a timeline should be in place for the 2015 Continuum of Care application process. There was much discussion.

Policy & Planning Committee (Tony Timm): Mr. Timm mentioned that work was continuing with the State Public Policy Group in terms on the implementation phase of the Standards for Homelessness. He deferred to Ms. McKeen for a more in depth update.

Public Awareness Committee (Stefanie Munsterman-Robinson): Ms. Munsterman-Robinson brought forth a motion from the committee that the ICH approve the annual letter to the Governor that details the ICH yearly efforts to address homelessness in Iowa. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Munsterman-Robinson reminded the Council that the annual Day on the Hill event will be on March 18, 2015 at the Iowa State Capitol Building.

Progressive Engagement/Coordinated Intake Committee (David Hagen): Mr. Hagen briefly discussed some aspects of the “2015 Point-in-Time Methodology Guide,” but due to time, he will fully review at a later date. The guide is recently published materials that give guidance on the annual homeless count.

Research & Analysis Committee (David Hagen): Mr. Hagen stated that the Committee had not met recently, but would be meeting in December.

V HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (HMIS) REPORT

Ms. Eberbach with the Institute for Community Alliances gave an update on the Point-in-Time Count. The Point-in-Time Count is a count of the number of people experiencing homelessness in a geographic area. It is conducted by most Continua of Care, including the Iowa Balance of State, during the last 10 days in January.

VI SPECIAL INITIATIVE: STANDARDS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Ms. McKeen with the State Public Policy Group provided a brief update of the ongoing work surrounding the implementation of the Standards for Homelessness. She noted various upcoming stakeholder outreach meetings going on across the state including Waverly, Sioux City, West Des Moines, Council Bluffs, and North Liberty. She concluded by noting that the on January 16th, following the ICH meeting, ICH members are invited to attend a special afternoon retreat related to the ongoing project.

VII OTHER REPORTS

Ms. Hessburg with the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Mr. Duffelmeyer with the ACLU provided a presentation surrounding an act relating to the right of a resident, tenant, and landlord to summon police and emergency assistance without penalty. In some communities it has been noted that often times, due to language in a lease, if police are called to a residence, the tenant can be evicted which puts an unfair burden on the victim in a domestic violence situation and could prevent them from seeking help when then need it in order to keep their place of residence.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

None.

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IX NEW BUSINESS

Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting dates through 2015:

- January 16, 2015
- March 18, 2015 – to coincide with the Day on the Hill
- May 15, 2015
- July 17, 2015
- September 18, 2015
- November 20, 2015

X PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Timm and seconded by Mr. Axeen, the November 21, 2014 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.

The date of the next regular meeting is Friday, January 16, 2015 at 10:00AM at the Iowa Finance Authority.

Voting Members Present

1. Al Axeen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (retired)
2. Zeb Beilke-McCallum, Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3. Bill Brand, Iowa Department of Human Rights
4. Ann Brown, Iowa Department of Corrections
5. Ben Brustkern (Vice Chair), Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
6. Carrie Dunnwald, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
7. Jane Erickson, Iowa Department on Aging
8. Marilieggh Fisher, Community Housing Initiatives
9. Karin Ford, Iowa Department of Public Health
10. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
11. Ann Hearn, Linn County Community Services
12. Karen Hyatt (alt. for Armstrong), Iowa Department of Human Services
13. Sandy Johnson, Iowa Department of Education
14. Rhonda Jordal, Family Alliance for Veterans of America
15. Barb Kellogg, North Iowa Community Action Organization
16. Dennis Lauterbach, Lutheran Services in Iowa
17. Scott Mather, Iowa Workforce Development
18. Stefanie Munsterman-Robinson, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission
19. Wes Peterson, Iowa Finance Authority
20. Donna Phillips (Chair), Iowa Attorney General's Office
21. Amy Rawhouser, Consumer Representative
22. Ashley Schwalm, Family Resources
23. Tony Timm, Central Iowa Shelter and Services
24. Tim Wilson, Willis Dady Emergency Shelter

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Voting Members Absent

1. Blair Avitt, Consumer Representative
2. David Binner, Wells Fargo
3. Julie Bockenstedt, Humility of Mary Housing/Shelter
4. David Boss, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation
5. Crissy Canganelli, Shelter House
6. Jamie Cashman, Iowa State Association of Counties
7. Chris Coleman, Iowa League of Cities
8. Donna Grgurich, Iowa Economic Development Authority
9. Kristine Harris, Consumer Representative
10. Tom Lampe, Iowa Department of Public Safety
11. Nancy Schulze, Heartland Family Service
12. Michelle South, Consumer Representative
13. Bob Steben, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
14. Roberta Wahl, Des Moines Area Community College

Others Present

1. Tia Avila, Family Resources
2. Kacey Barrow-Miner, Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center
3. Ronelle Clark, YWCA Clinton
4. Andrew Duffelmeyer, ACLU
5. Julie Eberbach, Institute for Community Alliances
6. Kari Eisenberg, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
7. Kris Frakes, Des Moines Area Religious Council
8. Catherine Gerdes, Children & Families of Iowa
9. Jerry Hernandez, Mercy Medical Center – Sioux City
10. Laura Hessburg, Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
11. Amy Keairns, City of Sioux City
12. Jennie Kerger, The Salvation Army
13. Marcia Kramer, Community Corrections Improvement Association
14. Amber Lewis, Iowa Finance Authority
15. Susan McGuire, Center for Siouxland
16. Josh McRoberts, Iowa Finance Authority
17. Kathy Meier, Humility of Mary Housing/Shelter
18. Laurel Merrick, Area Substance Abuse Council
19. Paula Morgan, Community Action of Southeast Iowa
20. Kimberly Neal, Des Moines VA Hospital
21. Kelli Payne, Crisis Intervention Services – Oskaloosa
22. Jan Rutledge, Iowa Legal Aid
23. Stephanie Schrader, Community Corrections Improvement Association
24. Mark Sertterh, Shelter House
25. Carrie Slagle, Waypoint Services
26. Julie Sleeper, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
27. Kimberly Terry, Manasseh House
28. Crissy Verwers, Domestic Violence Intervention Program